

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PROPOSAL TO HONOUR LOCAL FARMING FAMILY**

The Geographical Names Board is calling for public comment on a proposal by Parramatta City Council to name a reserve.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board, Des Mooney, said public feedback is being sought on the proposal to name a location bounded by Dandarbong Avenue and Perry Street in Carlingford *Eyles Reserve*.

The name 'Eyles' acknowledges Joseph Eyles (1774-1856) and his descendants who have made a significant contribution to the local community.

Joseph Eyles arrived in Australia as a convict on 13 December 1801. He was granted his freedom in 1807 and granted a parcel of land at Parramatta. An orchard was planted on the grounds and the land was used to farm wheat, corn, oats and potatoes.

Two of Joseph's sons, James Eyles (1820-1907) and William Eyles (1818-1859), remained in the district as local orchardists.

Alexander Eyles (1843-1919), son of James, served as an alderman on the inaugural Dundas Municipal Council from 1889 until 1899. Alexander built the nearby 'Lauriston House', now heritage listed, where he lived until his death in 1919.

Mr Mooney said the Board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

"It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community," he said.

"We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name."

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's website at [www.gnb.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au).

Alternatively written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW, 2795.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 29 May 2015.

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